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CIP UPDATE

Railroad Avenue Bridge Replacement

Starting Monday September 15, 2014 Railroad Avenue will be closed between 8th Street and 9th Street. Construction crews will be replacing the Railroad Avenue Bridge. Construction should last through the fall.

Please use caution when driving in the area. Questions concerning this project, please contact Martin Ruvolo at 815-961-3772.

City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs Package #3– 2014

Beginning October 16th, 2014 the City Wide Sidewalk and ADA Repairs 2014 package #3 will begin. Construction activities may include but are not limited to replacing sidewalk and ADA ramps, parkway restoration and other related work at 401 West State Street. The necessary traffic control and signage will be posted.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work.

Spring Creek Multi-Use Path – 2014

Construction of the Spring Creek Multi-Use Path – 2014 began on September 25, 2014. The project consists of a multi-use path connection to be constructed on the south side of Spring Creek Road at the interchange with North Second Street (Illinois Route 251) that

will connect the Sinnissippi bike path to Jacoby Place. Construction activities will include the installation of sidewalk, ADA ramps, pavement striping, signage, and landscape restoration.

During construction the North Second Street on-ramps on the south side of Spring Creek Road will be closed for a maximum of three (3) days for each individual ramp. Only one (1) ramp will be closed at a time. A detour route will be posted for the affected traffic. Drivers are reminded to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

The City of Rockford appreciates your continued patience and cooperation during this work. The anticipated completion for the project is mid-October 2014.

Questions regarding this project should be directed to Charles Englund (815-961-3152) at the Public Works Department. Thank you for your consideration.

Falcon Road and Airport Drive Roadway Reconstruction Project

Falcon Road will be closed in segments for the reconstruction project. No thru traffic will be allowed except for local businesses. A detour route will be posted for drivers traveling in the area. The Falcon Road Reconstruction Project will include all roadways from New Milford School Road to Airport Drive, including intersection improvements at New Milford School Road, Samuelson Road and Airport Drive. The project will consist of pavement removal, reclaiming existing pavement, curb and gutter, ditch and water way improvements, reconstruction of business entrances, erosion control and new asphalt pavement. It is anticipated that Falcon Road will be completed by November 15, 2014.

Airport Drive is tentatively scheduled to begin road construction on April 2015. The Airport Drive reconstruction Project will include all roadway from Kishwaukee Street to Illinois 251 (11th Street). This reconstruction project will consist of pavement removal, excavation, concrete pavement, curb and gutter, median, landscaping, storm sewer installation, street lighting, traffic signal modernization, erosion control and new concrete pavement. Some notable improvements to the project will be constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Kishwaukee Street and Airport Drive, rail road crossing reconstruction and straightening out the road way east of the rail road crossing. It is anticipated that the Airport Drive Reconstruction Project will be completed by November 15, 2015.

US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge Over Kent Creek Roadway Reconstruction

US Bus 20 (FAP Rt. 303) – West State Street, Sunset Avenue to West of Bridge over Kent Creek, Roadway Reconstruction consists of the complete reconstruction and widening of Business Route 20 and the realignment of Jefferson Street. This includes pavement removal, excavation, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, retaining wall construction, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary to complete the improvements. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by the end of October.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

**IL- 2 / South Main Street – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Roadway Project (South of Pond Street to just North of Cedar Street)**

Marchesano Drive is currently closed to all thru traffic from South Main Street to West Street (1 block) for road construction work. It is anticipated that the road way will be reopened on November 14. A detour will be posted but drivers are encouraged to use alternative routes. Please note – a temporary drive lane will be provided for travelers needing access to the businesses along Marchesano Drive.

The project consists of pavement removal, excavation, roadway re-alignment, PCC pavement, HMA pavement, curb and gutter, landscaped median, multi-use path and sidewalk construction, storm sewer installation, landscaping, street lighting, traffic signal modernization and interconnection, pavement markings, erosion control, maintenance of traffic and all other necessary items to complete the improvements. The project completion date is late 2015.

IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The City will relay information as it becomes available.

Drivers are reminded to obey work zone speed limits and to stay alert for workers when driving through the construction zone.

**IL- 2 / South Main Street – Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Roadway Project (Beltline Road to 0.4 miles north of Harrison Avenue)**

Harrison Avenue is currently closed from S. Main Street (IL Route 2) to Express Lane (entrance road to Shell Gas Station). An alternative route will be provided 1 block south of the S. Main Street/Harrison Avenue intersection and will transition onto Express Lane which is accessible to Harrison Avenue. Harrison Bridge will be reduced to (2) lanes of traffic. Drivers are reminded to utilize alternate routes when traveling in this area. Please note that the Shell gas station and Smokehouse BBQ restaurant will be open and accessible from the detour route. It is anticipated that Harrison Road will be back open on November 14.

IL- 2 / South Main Street – IDOT Roadway Project is underway. The project consists of widening and resurfacing, pavement removal and replacement, adding lanes and a barrier median, curb and gutter, adding a bike path, providing right and left turn lanes, and installing lighting and traffic signals. IDOT will be coordinating with all applicable governmental agencies throughout the project. The project anticipated completion date is late 2014.

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Questions regarding this project should be directed to Austin Crull in the Public Works Department at (815) 987-5637. Thank you for your consideration.

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